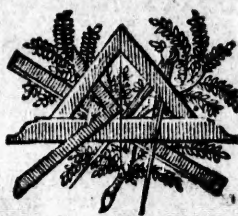


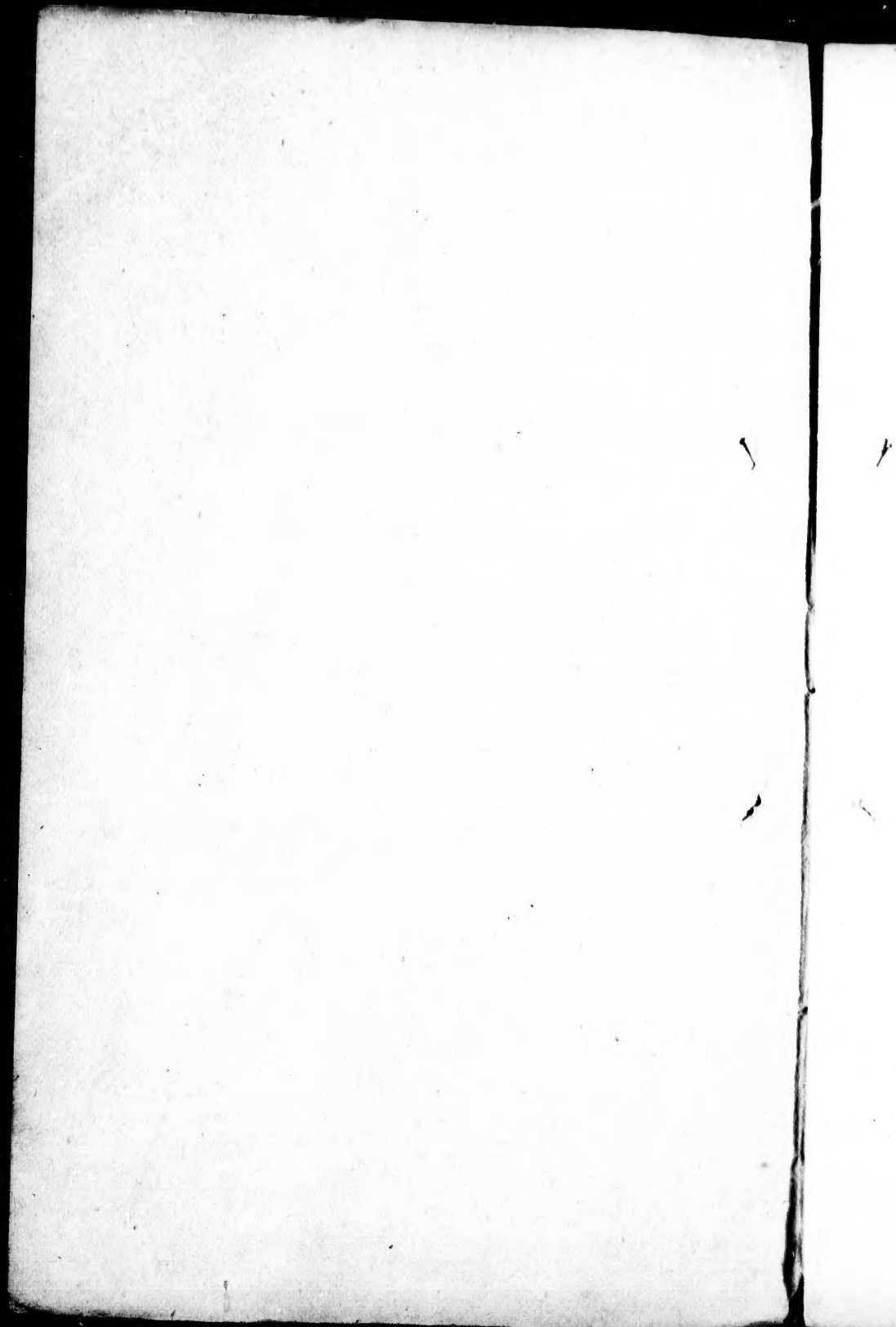
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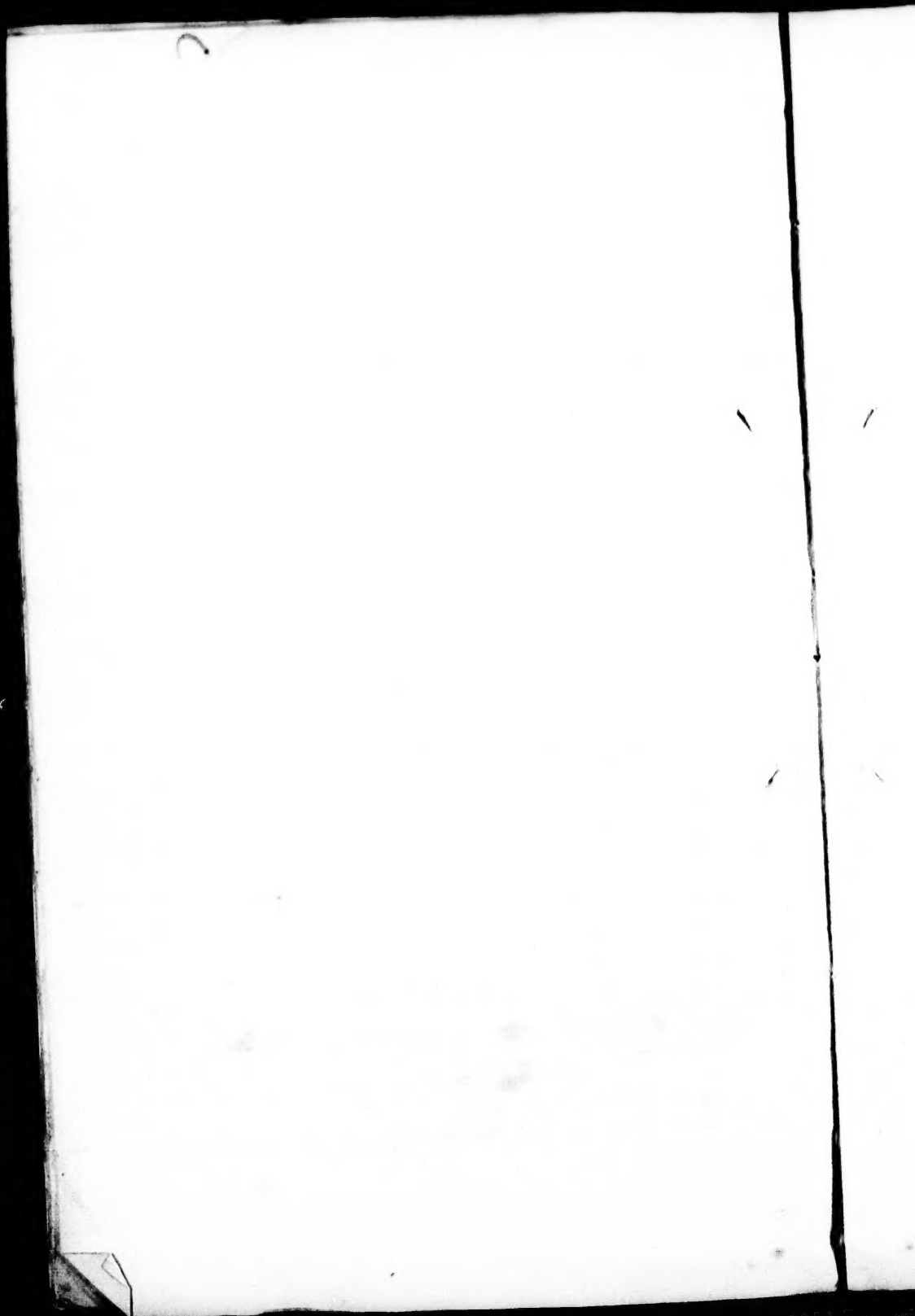


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ARTICLE I.

That this Lodge do fully acknowledge the Supremacy of the Grand Lodge of England of Free and Accepted Masons; and accept all Laws, Rules, and Regulations, contained in the Book of Constitution, or enjoined by the Resolutions of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE II.

That at the sound of the Master's Gavel, profound silence shall be observed. Should any Brother swear, or utter any thing irreligious or obscene, offer to lay wagers, interrupt any Brother while addressing the Master, sit down unclothed, use irritating or insulting language on Masonic or private subjects, or otherwise conduct himself improperly, such offending Brother, after having been thrice duly admonished from the Chair, shall be subject to such censure or penalty as the Lodge, or a majority of the Brothers then present, shall think proper to inflict; to which if he refuse to submit, he shall be forthwith excluded the Lodge, and the cause of his exclusion reported to the Provincial Grand Master.

ARTICLE III.

That when any business shall be brought before the Lodge for discussion, every Brother desirous of speaking, shall, when he rises, address himself to the Master; and no Brother shall be permitted to speak twice on the same subject, unless in explanation.

ARTICLE IV.

That the Lodge shall meet on the second Wednesday in every month, at the hour mentioned in the summonses, for Masonic purposes, unless by vote of a previous Lodge it shall be otherwise resolved.

ARTICLE V.

That the Master and Treasurer shall be annually elected by ballot, at the Meeting held in December; and at the following Meeting, on St. John's Day, on the Minutes being confirmed, the Master shall be installed; after which he shall proceed to appoint the Wardens and other Officers, who are thereupon to be invested in due form.

ARTICLE VI.

That the Treasurer do hold the money of the Lodge, and discharge all Bills that have been examined and signed by the Master; that he keep a Book, in which his accounts of Receipts and Disbursements shall be regularly stated, and which Book shall be produced at every Meeting of the Lodge, and be open for the inspection of any of the Members of the Lodge, who may then move that the balances in his hands shall be disposed of, as deemed best for the interest of the Lodge; that his Accounts be audited by the Master, Wardens, and Past Officers, with any three other Members the Lodge may think proper to appoint for that purpose, previous to the Lodge meeting on St. John's Day in December, and the Balance which may then be due be paid to the new Treasurer, if a new one be elected, when the Minutes are confirmed.

ARTICLE VII.

That the Secretary do issue the summonses at least seven days previous to each Meeting, particularly noticing Elections, Makings, Passings, and Raisings; that he keep the

accounts of the Lodge, make out the Registry, and other Lists of Members, and take Minutes of all matters duly moved and seconded; and such other occurrences as come before the Lodge, and are considered by the Master, or a majority of the Members of the Lodge, worthy to be recorded.

ARTICLE VIII.

That the Tyler shall be annually elected by the Lodge at the Meeting in December; he shall cause every Brother, previous to his admission into the Lodge, to write his name in a book provided for that purpose; that he take care of, and keep in good order, the Furniture, Jewels, and Paraphernalia belonging to the Lodge; that he be allowed Two Shillings and Sixpence every time he attends the Lodge, summons the Members; and Two Shillings and Sixpence for every Initiation, — he providing the Entered Apprentice's Apron,

ARTICLE IX.

That whenever a ballot takes place on any proposition whatsoever, if three negatives appear, the proposition shall be rejected, unless a motion shall be immediately made and seconded for a second ballot: on which second ballot, should there appear also three negatives, the proposition shall be thrown out, and not suffered to be made again within three months.

ARTICLE X.

That no motion be considered regular, unless it be given up to the Master in Writing, signed by the Mover, and duly seconded.

ARTICLE XI.

That when any person is proposed to be made a Mason in this Lodge, the Brother who proposes him shall be responsible for the whole of the Initiation Fee, provided the Candidate be regularly Initiated.

ARTICLE XII.

That the Fee for Initiation in this Lodge be Four Pounds Ten Shillings, including Ten Shillings and Sixpence, the Registering Fee to the Grand Lodge, and Six Shillings and Sixpence for a Grand Lodge Certificate.

ARTICLE XIII.

That if any person who has been proposed and balloted for to be Initiated, or to join this Lodge, shall not attend for that purpose within Six Months from that time, another proposition must be made, and a fresh ballot taken.

ARTICLE XIV.

That any regularly made Mason desirous of becoming a Member of this Lodge, shall be proposed and balloted for, and if approved, he shall be admitted a Member on payment of Ten Shillings, including Two Shillings and Sixpence, the Grand Lodge Registry Fee; provided he can produce a certificate of his Registry in the Grand Lodge books; but if he cannot produce such certificate, the Admission Fee shall be Seven Shillings and Sixpence, exclusive of the charge for Registry and a Grand Lodge Certificate.

ARTICLE XV.

That should any Member retire from the Lodge, or cause his name to be erased from the Lodge Books, he shall not be readmitted without a ballot, and payment of the Joining Fee.

ARTICLE XVI.

That the Annual Subscription of each Member be One Pound Ten Shillings, including the expense of Refreshments; to be paid monthly, in equal proportions. In case of neglect, he shall be apprised thereof by the Secretary, in writing; and if such neglect continue for six months, he shall be liable to exclusion, and no Member in arrear can be permitted to ballot, or vote upon any question, or be appointed to any office.

ARTICLE XVII.

That the Books, Papers, Jewels, and Furniture of every kind, belonging to the Lodge, be at all times vested in the Master and Wardens for the time being, in trust for the Lodge; and the Master and Wardens shall be responsible for the same to such of the other Members as are not in arrear. That an Inventory of them be kept in the Minute Book, and examined by the Past Officers, previous to the Meeting in December, and by every Master and Warden, on their being Installed and Appointed.

ARTICLE XVIII.

That any Brother, not a Member of this Lodge, may be Passed or Raised in this Lodge for the sum of One Guinea for each degree, provided he has been made in a regular Lodge, having been first approved by this Lodge, and having produced his Certificate of the Degree or Degrees he has passed. And in case he or any other Brother is Made, Passed, or Raised, in a Lodge of Emergency, called for that purpose, if at his request, such Brother shall pay the expenses of the day, not exceeding Two Guineas, in addition to the regular Fee.

ARTICLE XIX.

That the Master is to receive the fees due to the Grand Lodge, as he alone is accountable for the same.

ARTICLE XX.

That the visiting fee be Two Shillings and Sixpence, and that no Visitor shall be admitted into the Lodge, unless he be personally known, recommended, or well vouched for, after due examination by one of the Brethren present. The Member recommending or introducing a visitor shall be responsible for the Visiting Fee.

ARTICLE XXI.

That Honorary Members, on visiting at Dinner, shall pay Ten Shillings ; and at Supper, Two Shillings and Sixpence.

ARTICLE XXII.

That none of the Monies, or other property of the Lodge, shall, on any pretence whatever, be expended or disposed of, except the Monthly, or other ordinary expenses, without the consent and approbation of the Lodge : nor shall the Warrant of Constitution, Furniture, Jewels, and other Paraphernalia of the Lodge, which are indivisible, be sold, alienated, or in any way disposed of, without the unanimous consent of all and every Member of the Lodge.

ARTICLE XXIII.

That on every St. John's Day in December, an annual permanent Committee, to consist of five Brethren, shall be appointed by ballot, to examine into, and report *in writing*, Quarterly, (or earlier if necessary,) upon the Financial and other affairs of the Lodge, with power to exact the attendance of such Members and such information as they may consider essential to the interest of the Lodge.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Every Member of the Lodge and every Brother who may join it, must provide himself with a Printed Copy of these By-Laws ; the charge of which shall be one Shilling.

ARTICLE XXV.

That these By-Laws be fairly transcribed in a book provided for the purpose, and shall be signed by every present, as well as future, Member on his admission ; and shall not be amended, repealed, or otherwise altered, without a Committee for that purpose, whose proceedings must be confirmed by the consent of three-fourths of the Members present at the receiving the Report.

APPROVED IN OPEN LODGE :

JOHN L. HALL, W. M.
 ROBERT ATKINS, S. W.
 ABRAHAM LENFESTY, J. W.
 JOHN M'GILVERAY, S. D.
 HENRY BALDWIN, J. D.
 TIMOTHY AMIRAUX, SY.
 HENRY WALKER, TREASURER.
 J. BIRCH, TYLER.

GRAND LODGE REGULATIONS AS TO APRONS.

Entered Apprentice....A plain white lamb or kid skin, from 14 to 16 inches wide, 12 to 14 inches deep, square at bottom, peaked lappet, and without ornament ; white strings.

Fellow Craft....A plain white lamb or kid skin, similar to the Entered Apprentice's, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master Mason....The same, with sky-blue lining and strings, same coloured edging. $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch deep, and an additional rosette on the lappet. No other colour or ornament shall be allowed except to Officers and Past Officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their offices in silver or white, in the centre of the apron.